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SUBJECT: BASES SECURITY IN PHILIPPINES

REFS: A. CINCPAC 112322Z JUN 77, B. MANILA 9197 DTG
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1. STATE AND DOD CONCUR WITH CINCPAC COMMENTS PARAS 1 AND
2 REFTEL A THAT: (A) THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT ANYTHING
WE CAN DO ON THIS ISSUE ALONE WILL DEFUSE SECURITY DOG
SITUATION; (B) DIALOGUE WITH GOP MUST CONTINUE TO EMPHA-
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SIZE U.S. JUSTIFICATION FOR USE OF SECURITY DOGS AND
PHILIPPINE RESPONSIBILITIES; AND (C) THERE ARE LIMITED
ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE TO BE FORTHCOMING IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO
PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO GOP.

2. CONSIDER CINCPAC HAS OUTLINED THE BASIS FOR A SUITABLE
PLAN OF ACTION IN PARAS 3 AND 4 REFTEL A. HOWEVER, WE NOTE

THAT PROPOSALS INCLUDE CONTINUED USE OF U.S. DOG HANDLERS AT CLARK WHILE SUBIC HAS, APPARENTLY SUCCESSFULLY, EMPLOYED PHILIPPINE NATIONALS AS DOG HANDLERS. SINCE GOP OFFICIALS AND PRESS HAVE EMPHASIZED CASES INVOLVING U.S. HANDLERS, STATE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO HAVE BY JULY 1 CINCPAC ANALYSIS OF REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUED USE OF U.S. PERSONNEL AT CLARK. CINCPAC MAY ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS WHICH REFLECT GOP CONCERNS AS CONTAINED IN PARAS 8 AND 9, REF B:

A. INCREASED UTILIZATION OF PHILIPPINE MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER IN INCIDENTS INVOLVING FILIPINOS.

B. INTENSIFICATION OF ORIENTATION AND SENSITIVITY TRAINING IN PHILIPPINE CULTURE BY US SERVICEMEN IN CONTACT WITH FILIPINOS.

C. REEMPHASIZING TO US GUARD PERSONNEL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE LIMITATIONS ON THEIR ACTIONS TO PRECLUDE SUBSTANTIAL DEPARTURES FROM REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED ACTS THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE OF OFFICIAL USTY.

D. INFORMING GOP OF ACTION TAKEN BY US MILITARY IN ALL CASES IN WHICH THERE ARE CONCURRENT RIGHTS TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION AND ALSO ANY WAIVERS GRANTED BY THE PHILIPPINE COURTS.

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EM WE RECOGNIZE THAT MOST OF THE ABOVE ACTIONS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY AND THAT PRIMARY EFFORT SHOULD BE TOWARD MAKING GOP AWARE OF THESE PRECAUTIONS.

4. US RESPONSE TO CURRENT PHILIPPINE CONCERNS ABOUT US BASE SECURITY MEASURES SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

A. CHARGE SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS THAT THE USG HAS FORMULATED A NUMBER OF GENERAL PROPOSALS FOR MEETING PHILIPPINE CONCERNS WITHOUT ELIMINATING USE OF GUARD DOGS AND IS PRESENTLY STUDYING GOP SUGGESTIONS. HE SHOULD SUGGEST THAT MDB, THROUGH EXISTING COMMITTEES OR AD HOC COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND CJIC, IN THE CASE OF CONCURRENT JURISDICTION ISSUES, EXAMINE US PROPOSALS IN MORE DETAIL AND ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS THAT PHILIPPINES MAY WISH TO MAKE. THE CHARGE SHOULD CONTINUE TO AVOID PHILIPPINE SUGGESTIONS THAT THIS APPROACH BE BROADENED INTO AN EXTENSIVE DIALOGUE ON BASE OPERATING ISSUES. WITH REGARD TO MANILA 8910 (REF C) WE CONSIDER THAT EMBASSY NOTE IN REPLY TO DFA NOTE ON OFFICAL DUTY CASES ADEQUATELY ANSWERS THE MAIL. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE FORMAL REPLY TO GOP PROTEST ON USE OF WORK DOGS.

B. CINCPAC AND CINCPACREF PHIL SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PRESENT PROPOSALS AS OUTLINED REF A AND PARA 2 ABOVE TO MDB. TIMING OF PRESENTATION TO MDB WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON CINCPAC'S COMPLETING THE FORMULATION OF SUCH PROPOSALS. CHRISTOPHER

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